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January 2021

The Anacortes Yacht Club

Since 1891

January Calendar

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In keeping with ongoing State guidelines, the AYC clubhouse remains closed. However, we still do have many activities taking place.

January 1,8,15,22,29-Fridays
17:30-18:30 Happy Hours
Zoom ID. 863 6770 1655

January 7-Thursday
18:30 AYC Board Meeting

January 15-Friday
18:30 General Meeting/Speaker



Commodore's Corner



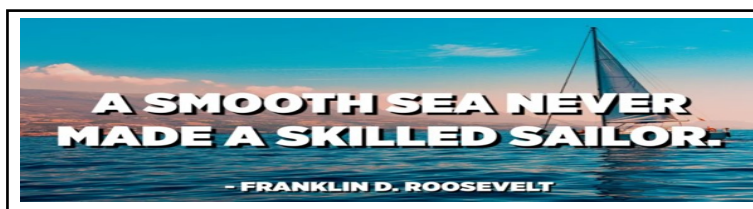
2020 is in our rear-view mirror as we look forward to resuming AYC activities sometime in 2021. All of us look forward to renewed energy as the new AYC board formulates plans for the upcoming boating season.

The past three years “in the chairs” have been memorable including recovering from two knee surgeries and renovating our house. I would not have been able to perform club duties without volunteer support, especially transferring supplies from downstairs to the bar area during my rehab and willingness of members to fill the bartender slots. MarKay and I enjoyed the “Get Rid of Your Old Flares” party at Seafarer’s Park, Wednesday night races, Anacortes Waterfront Festival, participating in a variety of cruises, Friday nights at the clubhouse, speaker series, Commodore’s Ball/Valentines Dance, and the memorable AYC Fashion Shows.

AYC is one of the best values in Anacortes and the local yachting scene. Our club has accomplished quite a bit since our founding in 1891 and we look forward to celebrating our 130th anniversary this year. Continue to support club leadership as we reopen the clubhouse and plan to spend your discretionary time participating in the many fun filled activities our club offers.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as AYC Commodore in 2020. See you ‘on the water’ and at the clubhouse in 2021.

-Bob Neumann, Past Commodore, 2020



BAW Report for 2020



The annual membership meeting of the Recreational Boaters Association of Washington (RBAW) was held on November 14. The meeting included several guest speakers, such as Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands, Rob Sendak, Washington State Parks Boating Law Administrator, and Doug Levy, the RBAW lobbyist in Olympia.

The meeting was held via Zoom and a complete record of the meeting can be found on the RBAW website (rbaw.org). It is pretty easy to navigate and one can fast forward through portions of the meeting that may not be of interest.

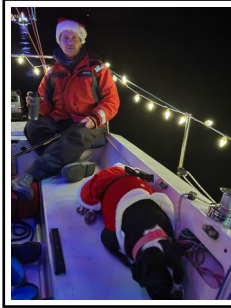
Key focal points of the meeting included a desire and need to expand membership, legislative initiatives and attention to any new legislation that may affect boaters, and efforts to expand boating opportunities around the state. One of the legislative efforts being watched is a bill introduced last year that would require anyone on a boat of any size to wear a lifejacket at all times. It may be well intentioned, but as Doug Levy noted, it amounts to overreach. It will likely be reintroduced again this year. Doug also noted a desire to press for more of the tax funds provided by boaters to be applied to facilities and services that benefit boaters. As of now, those funds all go directly into the state general fund.

Lastly, there was an update on the historic Lakebay Marina project in south Puget Sound, which when complete, will offer a new boating destination for all of us.

-Terry Schoenthal-RBAW liaison

Holiday Celebrations AYC style

No way was Covid going to get in the way of holiday cheer at the AYC. Members participated in several fun activities to keep the spirit bright.



Jeff Hulme, donned festive attire and sailed in the Merry and Bright boat parade in Guemes channel.

Members decorated the clubhouse and the Christmas tree to bring in a bit of holiday cheer.



Diane and John Wilkinson organized a yule tide scavenger hunt on a perfect day to get members out and about the marina, discovering and rediscovering landmarks, local history and lore.



Did you know that past AYC commodore, Spencer Swain, has a memorial plaque in the gazebo at the north end of the marina?

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New Preferred Members

Justin & Jennifer Beals - “Sadie Mae” - 2007 Grand Soleli 40’

Justin and Jennifer have recently moved from Seattle to Anacortes. Both are originally from Atlanta GA and “Sadie Mae” started with them in Savannah GA. They race and cruise, participating in multiple Swiftsure Lightship Classics and recently participated in the 2019 Northern Century. They are excited to get involved in the racing program and enjoy the many social events the club has to offer. Please welcome Justin and Jennifer to the club!

Glenn & Nancy Griley - “Kindred Spirit” - Viper 640 21’

Glenn and Nancy recently relocated from California. They have over 40 years of racing sailboats and are ready to start a new chapter with a focus on cruising and exploring. They are excited to get involved in the cruising program and enjoy the many social events the club has to offer. Please welcome Glenn and Nancy to the club!

-Callie Weber, Membership Chair

AYC General Meeting for December 2020

On Friday, December 11th we held the year’s last General Meeting. The Zoom room opened at 6:30 to a really well attended session.



The evening’s guest speaker was AYC’s own Mark Bunzel, editor and publisher of the Waggoner Guide along with his talented managing editorial team of Leonard and Lorena Landon. Mark and team presented an always entertaining

and informative review of the multiple new features found in the 2021 edition of the Waggoner Guide. The Guide now includes expansive details of the harbors and waters of Southeast Alaska and an extraordinary amount of detail from wildlife to fuel/water provisions and “must see” stops along the way of the inside passage. The Waggoner Guide is the trusted anthology of information for those boating in the Pacific Northwest. In that sense, it also served as a perfect cap to the 2020 General Meeting speaker series.

You may recall we have had a series of topics presented this year. In May, we met Jeanne Goussev, Captain of Team “Sail Like a Girl” and winner of 2018 Race To Alaska (R2AK). She told us what it was like to make that 750-mile journey in a Melges’32 without use of an engine, only sail and pedal power. In June, we held an evening with Jim Rard and Capt. Karl Kruger who told us about their “Sail Alaska” flotilla’s which originate from Anacortes and venture to the far northern waters of Alaska for a trip of a lifetime. In September, we hosted Erin Gless, the lead Marine Naturalist on staff at Island Adventures Cruises. Her presentation described the vast marine wildlife we have in the Salish Sea, and in particular, the magnificent whales we might encounter along our voyages. October’s presentation was with Nancy Erley, the twice-global circumnavigator and Captain of S/V Tethley that sails from Port Townsend. She captured the spirit of adventure, and gave us a marvelously entertaining sea story of a time when she and her all women crew were transiting the Red Sea. All of our guest presenters spoke of adventure. The adventure that literally begins right here at your own front door!

I do hope you have been inspired to meet the challenge in 2021! No matter whether you power, sail, or paddle - this is the year to grab your new Waggoner Guide and find your Pacific Northwest Adventure!

-John Sanford